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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 14-17, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

Application:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A network commerce system comprising:

an orderer terminal for interaction with an orderer ordering an item or service;

a plurality of producing/processing terminals each for interaction with a

producer/processor, said producer/processor producing and processing said item or providing a

produced and processed item, in accordance with an order from said orderer terminal;

wherein said orderer terminal and said producing/processing terminal are interconnected

via said network; and

a headquarters terminal including a receiver for receiving an image data order from said

orderer terminal transmitted via said network and a transmitter for transmitting the order

received by said receiver to a producing/processing terminal via said network;

said headquarters terminal selectively determining said producing/processing terminal in

accordance with a received order and then making the selected producing/processing terminal

produce and process said item or provide a produced and processed item.

Claim 2 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 1, wherein said item or

service is an item edited with digital data or editing of said digital data; and wherein said orderer

terminal transmits said digital data together with said order; and wherein each of said

producing/processing terminals receives said order and said digital data transmitted via said

network and via said headquarters terminal and then edits said digital data in accordance with the

content of said order.

Claim 3 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, wherein said digital data comprises image data or acoustic data.

Claim 4 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

Claim 5 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

Claim 6 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 3, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

Claim 7 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 3, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The network commerce system defined in Claim 2, wherein said digital data comprises image data or acoustic data.

Claim 9 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 8, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

Claim 10 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 9, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

Claim 11 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 1, further comprising a payment terminal connected to said network, for paying a purchase charge of said item sold or said service provided, via said orderer terminal.

Claim 12 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 11, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

Claim 13 (original): The network commerce system defined in Claim 1, wherein said item or said service is delivered or supplied to a destination other than said orderer.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A headquarters terminal <u>for use with a network commerce system</u> comprising:

orderer terminals each for interaction with an orderer ordering an item or service; <u>and</u>

a plurality of producing/processing terminals each for interaction with a producer/processor which produces and processes said item or supplies a produced/processed item, in accordance with an order from each of said orderer terminals; [[and]]

[[a]] <u>said</u> headquarters terminal including:

a receiver for receiving an order transmitted in image data form from said orderer terminal via said network;

a transmitter for transmitting an item received by said receiving means to a producing/receiving terminal via said network; and

a determinator for selectively determining said producing/processing terminal in accordance with a received order and then making said producing/processing terminal produce and process said item or making said selected producing/processing terminal supply said produced/processed item;

wherein a network commerce is performed between said orderer terminal and said producing/processing terminal connected via a network.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A producing/processing terminal <u>for use with a network commerce system</u> comprising:

orderer terminals each for interaction with an orderer ordering an item or service; <u>and</u>

~~a plurality of producing/processing terminals each for interaction with a~~
~~producer/processor which produces and processes said item or supplies a produced/processed~~
~~item, in accordance with an order from each of said orderer terminals; and~~

a headquarters terminal including:

a receiver for receiving an order transmitted in image data form from an orderer
terminal via said network;

a transmitter for transmitting an order received by said receiver to a
producing/processing terminal via said network; and

a determinator for selectively determining said producing/processing terminal in
accordance with a received order and then making said producing/processing terminal
produce and process said item or supply said produced/processed item;

wherein a network commerce is performed between said orderer terminal and said
producing/processing terminal connected via a network[[.]] , and

said producing/processing terminal comprises a plurality of producing/processing
terminals each for interaction with a producer/processor which produces and processes said item
or supplies a produced/processed item, in accordance with an order from each of said orderer
terminals.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An orderer terminal [[used]] for use in a network commerce
system, said network commerce system comprising:

~~orderer terminals each for interaction with an orderer ordering an item or service;~~

a plurality of producing/processing terminals each for interaction with a
producer/processor which produces and processes said item or supplies a produced/processed
item, in accordance with an order from ~~each of said~~ an orderer ~~terminals~~ terminal; and

a headquarters terminal including:

a receiver for receiving an order transmitted in image data form from an orderer

terminal via said network;

a transmitter for transmitting an item received by said receiver to a

producing/receiving terminal via said network; and

a determinator for selectively determining said producing/processing terminal in

accordance with a received order and then making said selected producing/processing

terminal produce and process said item or supply said produced/processed item;

wherein a network commerce is performed between a producing/processing terminal and

said headquarters terminal connected via a network[[.]];

        wherein said orderer terminal comprises a plurality of orderer terminals each for

interaction with an orderer ordering an item or service.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A payment terminal [[used]] for use in a network commerce

system, said network commerce system comprising:

orderer terminals each for interacting with an orderer ordering an item or service;

a plurality of producing/processing terminals each for interacting with a

producer/processor which produces and processes said item or supplies a produced/processed

item, in accordance with an order from each of said orderer terminals; and

a headquarters terminal including:

a receiver for receiving an order transmitted in image data form from said

orderer terminal via said network;

a transmitter for transmitting an item received by said receiver to a

producing/receiving terminal via said network; and

a determinator for selectively determining said producing/processing

terminal in accordance with a received order and then making said selected

producing/processing terminal produce and process said item or supply said

produced/processed item; [[and]]

wherein said payment terminal comprises a payment terminal for paying a purchase

charge of said item or service sold or supplied via said orderer terminal;

wherein a network commerce is performed between said orderer terminal and said

producing/processing terminal and said headquarters terminal, interconnected via a network.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A network commerce method, wherein an orderer terminal

orders an item or service via a network and a producing/processing terminal sells said item or

provides said service, in accordance with said order, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving said order transmitted in image data form from said orderer terminal via said

network, using a headquarters terminal;

selectively determining a producing/processing terminal for said item in accordance with

the content of said received order, using said headquarters terminal;

transmitting said order to said selected producing/processing terminal via said network;

making said selected producing/processing terminal produce and process said item or

supply said produced/processed item; and

paying, when said order is received or after said produced/processed item is supplied, a

purchase charge of said item or service via said orderer terminal.